

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TALLADEGA SUPERSPEEDWAY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Talladega Superspeedway in Talladega, Alabama.

In the mid-1960s, NASCAR founder Bill France, Sr., envisioned a bigger and faster track on the NASCAR circuit. After meeting with local race car driver and race fan, Bill Ward of Anniston, Alabama, the location was selected for the track and the groundbreaking ceremony for the Alabama International Motor Speedway (today known as Talladega Superspeedway) took place on May 23, 1968.

The first race, the Talladega 500 (now the 1000Bulbs.com 500), was held on September 14, 1969, with Richard Brickhouse winning the race. The race played a major role in NASCAR's history as many of the top stars of the sport walked out the day before the race due to concerns of tire wear on the nearly 200 mph track. Mr. France said the race would go on and recruited drivers from the smaller NASCAR Touring Series, the Bama 400, the day before.

The Talladega Superspeedway is the most competitive race track on the NASCAR schedule (record 88 lead changes in 188 laps), the highest-banked (33 degrees) and the longest (2.66 miles) as well as the most fun and fan-friendly.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Talladega Superspeedway.

HONORING PEYTON COMSTOCK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Peyton Comstock. Peyton is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Peyton has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Peyton has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Peyton has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Peyton Comstock for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF MR. G. BROWN LOFLIN

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. G. Brown Loflin.

Brown was born November 23, 1934 in Davidson County to Justice Snow Loflin, Sr. and Alice Elliott Loflin. He was an active member of Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, the Denton Lions Club, and Denton Lodge No. 404 AF and AM.

Over the course of his life, Brown wore many hats. Some that come to mind are U.S. Army Reserve veteran, Davidson County Commissioner, owner of the Loflin Garage, and bluegrass enthusiast, just to name a few.

But Brown will probably be most remembered as the visionary behind the Denton FarmPark, which started back in 1970. It all began when Brown and a buddy decided to offer airplane rides to raise money for the local rescue squad. But the crowds and wait time for airplane lines grew so much that they needed another attraction. They quickly added antique farm machinery and tractors for folks to view while waiting in line. Brown would eventually abandon the airplane rides and transition to farm equipment, which was a major attraction. He also brought the Handy Dandy Railroad to Denton FarmPark, which features an old steam train that runs during the show and provides rides to visitors of all ages.

Today, the Southeast Old Threshers' Reunion is the largest steam, gas, and unique farm machinery show in the Southeast. The property has 15 restored buildings, including a church, grist mill, general store, plantation house, and blacksmith shop.

In 2018, Loflin told local reporters that there were more than 1,200 tractors at the Southeast Old Threshers' Reunion. Even when his health declined a few years ago, Brown remained the driving force behind what has become one of the largest events of its kind in the entire country. I'm grateful to have met Brown and know that his many contributions to Davidson County will live on for years to come.

Brown is survived by his wife Ruby Johnson, who he had been married to for over 60 years along with his son, Gordon Keith Loflin, a daughter, Karen Loflin Miller, four grandchildren, and a great grandchild.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Brown Loflin for his service to Davidson County.

TRIBUTE TO BERNARD WILLIAMS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the life and legacy of a fellow Texan, former staffer, and my friend, Bernard Williams, Jr.

Mr. Williams was born on January 28, 1928, in Dallas, Texas, as an only child to Bernard Williams, Sr. and Nellie Mae Mayes. He grad-

uated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1945, after which he attended West Virginia State College in Institute, West Virginia, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics. There, Mr. Williams met the love of his life, Marguerite Reddick. They married in Savannah, Georgia, in 1952 and had two children, Martha Nell and Susan Kay.

Mr. Williams answered his country's call to service, serving as a Lieutenant in the United States Army following his college graduation. At the conclusion of his military service, Mr. Williams was hired as one of the first African American lab technicians in the cardiopulmonary lab at Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, now known as the UT Southwestern Medical Center. He would later take a position with the IBM Corporation in Dallas as one of the first African American systems engineers. Following a brief retirement, Mr. Williams joined my Dallas district office, where he served the constituents of the 30th district of Texas for seven years.

Mr. Williams generously gave his free time to our community—working with multiple organizations such as the Dallas Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc., Big Brothers Inc., the Moorland Branch YMCA, and the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce. He also served as a board member on the DART Citizens Advisory Committee and Senior Source.

Mr. Williams was a faithful and active member of the New Hope Baptist Church for over half a century. During his time with the church, he served as Chairman of the Deacon Board for 17 years before being named Deacon Emeritus. Mr. Williams was widely regarded as a mentor for the youth in the church and was a strong supporter of religious education programs like vacation bible school.

Mr. Williams was preceded in death by his parents, Bernard Williams, Sr. and Nellie Mae Mayes. He is survived by his wife, Marguerite Williams (née Reddick); daughters, Martha Bedford (Louis III) and Susan Williams McElroy; granddaughters, Erica Chiles and father Don Chiles, Opal McElroy and father Daniel McElroy; sister-in-law, Charlesetta Reddick Lacy; brother-in-law, Thomas Reddick (Margaret); and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Mr. Williams' family, friends, and to those he influenced over the course of his life. The Dallas community will dearly miss him.

HONORING DR. THOMAS K. WEBER

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life, accomplishments and contributions of Dr. Thomas K. Weber of Chappaqua, New York. Dr. Weber passed away on September 15, 2019, after a brief, but fierce battle with a rare and very aggressive form of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Today would have been his 65th birthday. Dr. Weber was a surgeon, researcher and visionary leader in relentless pursuit of the goal to save lives from colorectal cancer.

Dr. Weber served as the Director of Surgical Oncology of the Northwest Region, Northwell